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 Serial No.: 10/782,874 : Group Art Unit: 2823
 Filed: February 23, 2004 : Examiner: William M. Brewster
 For: A METHOD OF FORMING A CONTACT IN A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH FORMATION OF SILICIDE PRIOR TO PLASMA TREATMENT

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